

#### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method of preventing air bypass in a filter bank and a filter assembly in accordance with the teachings of the method. Filter panels are inserted through an access opening  
5 of a filter bank. As the filter panels are inserted they are connected in side by side relation with "I" shaped connectors. The sides of adjoining filter panels are inserted into opposed channels of the "I" shaped connectors.

The positioning of the "I" shaped connector prevents air  
10 bypass between the sides of adjacent filter panels.